

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Charlie Mae Luckey



Service held
December 21, 2012 † 11a.m.

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church
831 So. 43rd Street, Richmond, CA 94804

Officiating
Dr. J.R. Spearman, Pastor

May 5, 1910

December 13, 2012

Obituary

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Charlie Mae married Odie Felder and to this union, Otis J. Felder was born. After the marriage was dissolved, she married Pernard Whitaker and five daughters and one son were born: Iris, Eloise, Gloria, Charlie, Arvis, and Esther. Charlie Mae was a loving mother to her children, and a positive influence on her family and others. She was married to Pernard Whitaker until his death in 1966.

In October of 1944, Charlie Mae and her family moved to Richmond, California, and became active members of Seaport Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. L. Thomas. She later united with Pilgrim Rest MBC, under the late Rev. C. E. Richardson, Pastor. Charlie Mae served in many capacities, including Mission President, Sunday School Teacher, Director of the Mission choir, and a member of the Birth Month Circle. Charlie Mae was instrumental in starting the C.E. Richardson Scholarship Program, which benefitted many aspiring students.

As a delegate, she attended many church conventions. In 2002, she represented the Progressive Baptist Missionary Educational District Association in the Home and Foreign Mission Outreach Special Efforts and was crowned Queen of the California State Baptist Convention at the age of 92. She loved to read and study her Bible. She was an outstanding orator and was frequently invited to speak at various events.

In 1970, Charlie Mae married Rev. F.G. Luckey, Pastor of Greater St. Paul MBC in Richmond, CA, where she was active, but she maintained her membership at Pilgrim Rest. Charlie Mae served as an Instructor for the Baptist Minister Wives of Richmond, CA and was actively involved with the Richmond Association of Minister Wives and Minister Widows.

Charlie Mae worked at the U.S. Post Office, Mac's Drive-In and Universal Life Insurance Company as an insurance agent and as an Administrative Assistant until she retired. She was also a diligent worker on the County election polls. Charlie Mae was an excellent baker and was well known for her delicious pound cakes.

Charlie Mae loved to travel. She attended many family reunions held in various states, cruised several times and enjoyed annual family trips to Lake Tahoe and Yosemite.

Charlie Mae leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory her children Otis Felder (Helen), Iris Morris, Eloise Hewitt, Gloria Richardson (Robert), Charlie Mae Allums, Arvis Whitaker (Kathie), and Esther Polk; 17 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; and 20 great-great grandchildren; six brothers: George W. Pitts, Jr. of Elk Grove, California, Theo Oliver Pitts (Nancy) of Adamstown, Maryland, Isaac Pitts of Tacoma Park, Maryland, Melvin Pitts (Geneva) of El Sobrante, California, Malvin Pitts (Gloria) and Leodis Pitts (Lula), both of Forrest City, Arkansas, and one sister Janice Smith (Marshall) of Fort Washington, Maryland, and many nieces, including Vhaness Chambers, Patricia Duckworth, and Gwendolyn Starlard, nephews and friends.

Charlie Mae was preceded in death by her mother, Sarah Pitts, her father, Rev. George W. Pitts, stepmother Sally Pitts, husbands: Odie Felder, Pernard Whitaker, and Rev. F.G. Luckey; three sisters: Erma Whitaker, Elna P. Shannon, Wilma P. Delaney; three brothers: Lemuel, James, and Charles K. Pitts; three sons-in-law: Jimmy (Tanny) Morris, Curtis Hewitt, and Charles Polk; and two grandchildren: Helen J. Felder and Kenneth Morris.

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Order of Service

Processional

Clergy & Family

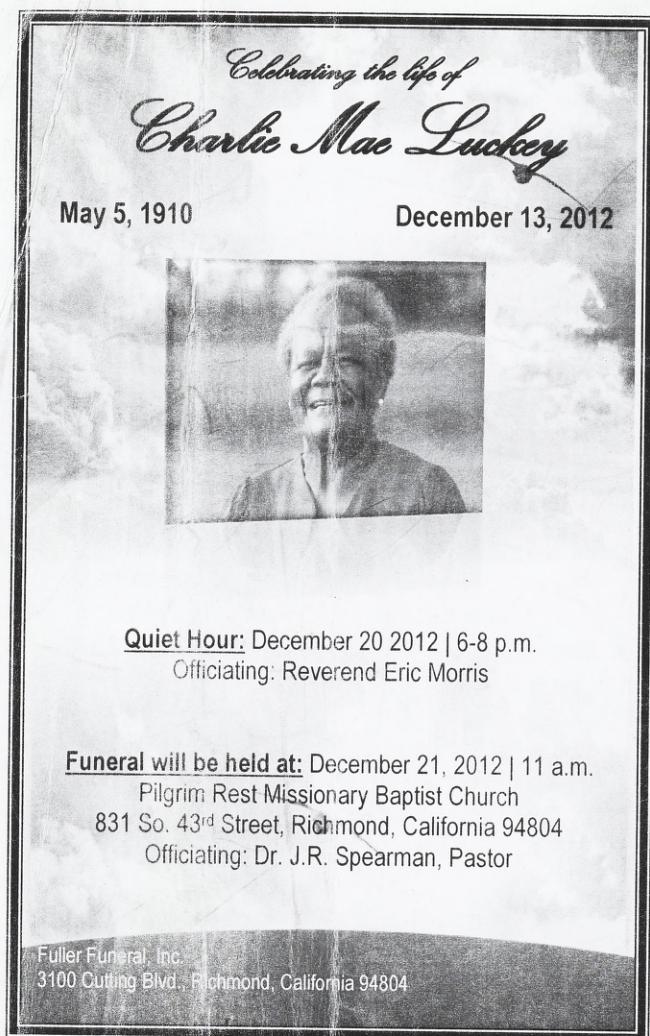
Hymn

Scripture

Old Testament
New Testament

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (NIV)
Luke 6:46-49 (NIV)

Minister Eric Morris, Jr.
Minister Nicholas Burse



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Rev. Dr. Lloyd Farr, Pastor
Greater El Bethel, Richmond, CA

Brother JC Farr, Jr.
Pilgrim Rest MBC Choir

Beverly Felder-Murray

Mother Theresa Benford
Sister Lucille Singleton

Lenise Allen
Jordan Allums
Reverend Eric Morris

Appointee

Lamont Van Hook

Leslie Allums

Lady Sheila Morris

Rev. Ricky Williams, Pastor
St. John MBC, Palo Alto, CA.

Pilgrim Rest MBC Choir



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Be the Best of Whatever You Are

*If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley –
But be the best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.*

*If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the grass,
And some highway happier make;
If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass –
But the liveliest bass in the lake!*

*We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew;
There's something for all of us here.
There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,
And the task you must do is near.*

*If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun, be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you fail – be the
best of whatever you are!*

Douglas Malloch

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Prayer

Rev. Dr. Lloyd Farr, Pastor
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Musical Selection

"I've Come a Long Way"

Brother JC Farr, Jr.
Pilgrim Rest MBC Choir

Acknowledgements/Resolutions

Beverly Felder-Murray

Special Expressions (2 minutes)

Mother Theresa Benford
Sister Lucille Singleton

Family Tributes

Great-Great-Grandchild
Great-Grandchild
Grandchild

Lenise Allen
Jordan Allums
Reverend Eric Morris

Ministerial Remarks

Appointee

Musical Tribute

"What A Wonderful World"

Lamont Van Hook

Obituary

Leslie Allums

Sermonic Selection

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Lady Sheila Morris

Eulogy

Rev. Ricky Williams, Pastor
St. John MBC, Palo Alto, CA.

Parting View

"Oh How Precious"

Pilgrim Rest MBC Choir

Recessional



Pallbearers

Alex Felder
Darius Harris
Nehemiah Murray

Otis Felder, II
Jeremiah Murray
Ricky Williams, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Bill Allums
Christopher Berry
Aaron Felder
Marcus Felder
Malik Felder
Paul Harrell
Steve Hewitt
Jacob McCab
Brian Whitaker

Maury Allums
J.C. Farr, III
Michael Felder
Matthew Felder
Miles Felder
Dwayne Harris
Peter Hewitt
Jarrod McCab
Brandon Whitaker

Acknowledgments

The family of Charlie Mae Luckey gratefully acknowledges with deep appreciation the many expressions of love and kindness shown during this difficult time. May God bless all of you.

The Family of Charlie Mae Luckey

Repast: Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church
C.E. Richardson Dining Hall

Interment: Rolling Hills Cemetery

One in a Million

*How can I describe her,
This special Aunt of mine?
She's one in a million,
She's one of a kind.*

*Her words are like magic
that drives you to her,
Good advice she gives freely
If you want to confer.*

*There's a special glow about her
that shows in her face
and all eyes are upon her
When she enters a place.*

*You can't help but love her
She's so special, you see,
And she's quite a gal at one hundred and two
I'm sure we all would agree.*

*Yes, she's one in a million
My Aunt till the end,
She's the one I call "Sister",
She's the one I call friend.*

*Happy Birthday Sister!
I Love You!*

By: Vhaness W. Chambers



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